

application on June 23, 1995, applicant requests that an interference be declared with U.S. Patent No. 5,329,501.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.607, applicant provides the following information:

(1) Identification of the Patent

The interfering patent is U.S. Patent No. 5,329,501 which issued July 12, 1994 in the names Pierre-Andre Meister and Andreas Tschanz.

(2) Presentation of a Proposed Count

Applicant proposes the following count in place of the count proposed in the letter to the Examiner filed June 23, 1995:

Proposed Count

A timepiece including a time keeper in order to display at least hours and minutes by means of hands surmounting a dial surrounded by a bezel, a receiver capable of receiving radio broadcast messages for seeking persons, reception being triggered by the composition on a telephone handset of one of at least two predetermined and distinctive calling numbers, a memory for storing said calls, an acoustic transducer for signalling at least the arrival of a message

and a control arrangement, wherein at least the calling numbers are inscribed on the dial in plain language or in coded form, means being actuated so that at least upon reception of a message such is stored in the memory and at least one hand ceases its time indicating function in order to come to show the calling number emitting the message.

(3) Identification of Claim in the Patent Corresponding to the Proposed Count

Applicant identifies independent Claim 1 in U.S. Patent No. 5,329,501 as corresponding to the proposed count.

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(a) Identification of Claim in the Present Application Corresponding to the Proposed Count

Applicant identifies independent claim 6 in the present application as corresponding exactly to the proposed count.

(b) Explanation of Why Claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 5,329,501 Corresponds to the Proposed Count

Claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 5,329,501 corresponds substantially to the proposed count. The only differences between Claim 1 of Patent No. 5,329,501 and the proposed count are the inclusion that in Claim 1 that the control arrangement includes at least one stem fitted into a crown adapted to be

manually actuated and that the calling numbers are inscribed on the dial or the bezel (the underlined language being present in Claim 1 but omitted from the proposed count).

In analog timepieces, it is notoriously commonplace to use a crown and stem to manually adjust the position of the timepiece hands, and inclusion in Claim 1 of a stem and crown is not a patentable distinction over the proposed count. Similarly, the alternative recitation in Claim 1 of inscribing the calling numbers on either the dial or the bezel cannot be patentably distinct from inscribing them on the dial since Claim 1 recites that the inscriptions may be on either the dial or bezel.

(5) Application of the Terms of Claim 6 of the Application to the Disclosure of the Application

CLAIM 6 IN APPLICATION	SUPPORT IN APPLICATION
A timepiece including a time keeper in order to display at least hours and minutes by means of hands surmounting a dial	Figures 6, 7, 8 and 9 show a time keeper which displays hours and minutes by means of hands surmounting a dial
surrounded by a bezel,	A bezel (according to Webster's dictionary) is a rim that holds a transparent cover. While not mentioned in applicant's specification, the top rim of applicant's case would of necessity hold a transparent cover for the watch hands

a receiver capable of receiving radio broadcast messages for seeking persons,	High frequency receiving circuit 1 in Figure 1
reception being triggered by the composition on a telephone handset of one of at least two predetermined and distinctive calling numbers,	Column 1, line 9 states "When...(the) number of a person required (to be called)...is inputted to a telephone, the call signal thereof is given to a radio paging station through a telephone network and then transmitted therefrom"
a memory for storing said calls,	Received information storing circuit 9 in Figure 1
an acoustic transducer for signaling at least the arrival of a message	Alarm element 5, see Column 5, line 24 et seq.
and a control arrangement,	Control elements on the casing shown in Figs. 6-9
wherein at least the calling numbers are inscribed on the dial in plain language or in coded form,	Figure 8 which shows "CUSTOMER", "HOME", etc.
means being actuated so that at least upon reception of a message such is stored in the memory and at least one hand ceases its time indicating function in order to come to show the calling number emitting the message	See column 5, line 57 et seq. which states "the user can identify the caller by seeing a digital mark on a digit dial 36 pointed by a second hand 37 (pager information indicating hand in this embodiment)

In view of the foregoing, applicant requests that an interference be declared with U.S. Patent No. 5,329,501 and that claims 1-20 of the '501 patent be designated as corresponding to the count.

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